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1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL SINCE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR ROME MEETING. HOWEVER, AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY HEADQUARTERS INFORMED US AUSTRIAN DELEGATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF DR. HERBERT KOHLMAIER (DELEGATION HEAD, MP, IN CHARGE PARTY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, EXPERT ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND FORMER PARTY SECRETARY), DR. PETER DIEM (PARTY IDEOLOGUE AND HEAD OF PARTY'S RESEARCH UNIT) AND DR. ALFRED STIRNEMANN (SOCIAL SCIENCES SECRETARY OF PARTY'S POLITICAL ACADEMY), WILL BE STAYING IN ROME AT MIDAS HOTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REQUEST EMBASSY ROME TO MAKE DISCREET APPROACH TO AUSTRIAN DELEGATION. BOTH KOHLMAIER AND DIEM (LATTER SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH) HAVE BEEN IN U.S. ON LEADER GRANTS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SHARE AND WHERE POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT U.S. VIEWS ON NEED FOR DC ACTION ON ITALIAN SCENE. MEEHAN

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